

IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for identification of animals, the system including an animal identification device ~~-(12,13)~~ adapted for application to an animal and a device ~~(17)~~ for secure storage ~~(17)~~ of organic material taken from the animal to be identified by the identification device, the storage device ~~(17)~~ and identification device ~~(12,13)~~ each being marked with a common identifier ~~-(18,18a)-~~, and a storage holder in which the identification device and the storage device are mounted prior to use.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~2-1~~ wherein the storage holder can be is in the form of a moulded tray ~~(11)~~.
4. (Currently Amended) The system of ~~any one of~~ claims ~~1 to 3~~ wherein the identification device is an animal eartag or a bolus.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4 wherein the eartag, ~~it~~ is a two-component eartag ~~(12,13)~~.
6. (Currently Amended) The system of ~~any one of~~ claims 1 ~~to 5~~ wherein the storage device ~~(17)~~ is removably secured to the or one component ~~(12)~~ of the eartag.
7. (Currently Amended) The system of ~~any one of~~ claims 1 ~~to 6~~ wherein the identification device can also include ~~be formed by~~ an electronic identification device ~~(27)~~.
8. (Currently Amended) The system of as claimed in any one of the preceding claims 1 wherein the common identifier ~~(18,18a)~~ is an alpha, numeric or alphanumeric marking.
9. (Currently Amended) The system of as claimed in any one of claims 1 ~~to 7~~ wherein the common identifier is an on-farm management identifier used for visual identification of the animal.
10. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7 wherein the common identifier can be part of the unique number ~~(29)~~ of an electronic identification device ~~(27)~~.
11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 23 wherein the storage holder ~~tray~~ ~~(11)~~ includes a recess ~~(14)~~ configured to removably retain at the head of a male part ~~(12)~~ of an eartag ~~which forms the~~ identification device.

12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11 wherein the storage holder~~tray (11)~~ includes a retention device with which a female part~~(13)~~ of the eartag is removably retained.
13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11 wherein the ~~retention device~~storage holder includes a recess~~(16)~~ in which a part of the female part of the eartag can reside, and a stud onto which the female part can be installed.
14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11 further including a second recess~~(26)~~ for the head of a male part~~(28)~~ of a second identification device and a second recess~~(25)~~ with stud~~(15)~~ for a female part of a second identification device.
15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14 wherein the second identification device is an electronic identification device~~(29)~~.
16. (Currently Amended) The system of ~~any one of claims 311 to 15~~ wherein the tray~~(11)~~ is formed as one of a plurality of conjoined trays.
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Currently Amended) The system of ~~any one of claims 11 to 17~~ wherein the common identifier is an on-farm management identifier used for visual identification purposes.

19. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the common identifier forms part of a unique number of an electronic identification device.
20. (Currently Amended) A method of identification of an animal including providing a storage holder which has an animal identification device marked with an identifier marking, and a secure storage device, the secure storage device also being marked with the same identifier marking, the method including the steps of taking a sample of organic material from the animal and placing the sample in the secure storage device, removing the identification device and storage device from the storage holder,~~and~~ applying the identification device to the animal and placing the storage device in a secure storage facility.
21. (Cancelled)